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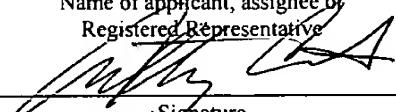
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Case No. 9281-3561

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takayuki Sugawara, et al.

Serial No: 09/511,931

Examiner: Stephen M. Baker

Filed: February 24, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2133

For: DISK DEVICE WITH
IMPROVED ERROR-
CORRECTION CAPABILITY

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003 for a period of two month(s).



Applicant:



claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

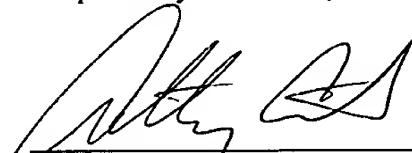
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<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$110.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$950.00
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Fee Payment

- Attached is a check for \$420 for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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